

Welcome to Second!

We are blessed by your presence and appreciative that you have joined us this morning.

Different congregations have different ways of worshiping and serving God.

In growing as disciples, we seek to be Christ-centered by being joy-filled, future-focused, and mission-minded.

Please join us for worship every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Second PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrating 150 Years



Thank you to our worship band for leading music this morning!

If you have a prayer request, please forward the request to the church office.

We will include it on the prayer request list for a month, unless you request for us to leave it on longer.

MISSION PARTNERS & LIAISONS

LOCAL: HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS

ForKids - Marie Finch
St. Columba - Alice Allen-Grimes
St. Mary's Soup Kitchen - Larry Hull
LAUNCH Ministry - Joe Morgan
The Norfolk Street Choir Project - Rich Voter

LOCAL: OUTREACH & INCLUSION

ODU Global Friendship - John Klein
Faith Inclusion Network - Lori Crouch
YOURS - Larry Hull
Tidewater Pastoral Counseling Services - Catherine Hart Monroe

INTERNATIONAL

Ben Seidl in Berlin - Craig Wansink
Jenn West in Holland - Linda West
The Junges in East Asia - Roz Klein
The Kerrs in the M.E. - Marie Finch

2023 SPC SESSION AND MINISTRY TEAMS

Larry Hull, Clerk of Session

DISCIPLESHIP

Peggy Troyer
Lynn Ruehlmann
Erin Todd
Lisa Dubey
Sandy Simmermon

MISSION AND STEWARDSHIP

Alice Allen-Grimes
Tami Ndahi
Mark Erickson

ADMINISTRATION

Mark Stearns
Pam Reed
Philip Byrd
Wendy Horner

STAFF

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Rev. Catherine Hart Monroe, Covenant Associate Pastor
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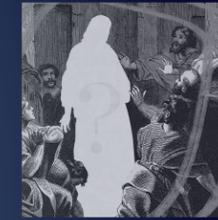
GOD'S VOICE

CALMS
COMFORTS
CONVICTS
ENCOURAGES
ENLIGHTENS
LEADS
REASSURES
STILLS

SATAN'S VOICE

OBSESSES
WORRIES
CONDEMNS
DISCOURAGES
CONFUSES
PUSHES
FRIGHTENS
RUSHES

11 a.m. Worship



Who is this man?
The First Six Stories of Christianity

Why Unclean Spirits Matter

"In Christ Alone"
Getty & Townend

We Gather Before the Risen Christ

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Loving God, who can heal the broken places of life, touch us today.
God of peace, who can quiet our spirits of confusion and despair, reassure us.

Pour out your spirit of power upon us today.
Open our hearts to new faithfulness, redirect our waywardness,
and hold us gently in your goodness.
May your name be glorified in us and through us. Amen.

WELCOME

*PASSING THE PEACE

"God is always at work in your lives to bring good out of bad."

—Romans 8:28

We Recognize Our Need to Grow Closer to God

*SINGING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

No. 537 "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

*CONFESSING OUR SIN (inspired by Psalm 147, Matthew 1:29-39)

You have given to us all that we need. You have blessed us with the witness of Jesus Christ who came so that we might learn how you would have us live, in honor and peace. Forgive us. Heal our hearts and spirits. Make us fully aware of all our blessings and our responsibilities. Give us a spirit of joy in serving you. Help us be agents of peace and hope to others. We offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. Amen.

We sing together:

**You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.**

*RECEIVING GRACE (inspired by Matthew 1:21-39)

Jesus has come to heal our spirits and our souls, casting out demons of arrogance, indifference, and apathy. New life is offered to you in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

We sing together:

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.**

We Hear the Word

TIME OF DISCOVERY

MESSAGE

"Why Unclean Spirits Matter "
Mark 1:21-28

Rev. Dr. Larry Toney

We Respond in Humility

*SINGING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

No. 660 "Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING GRATITUDE

*During the time of gratitude today, give thanks to God for those people, those biblical verses, and those steps you have learned, that have kept you steered away from evil.
Give thanks, and pray for continued strength in your life.*

*Thank you for all of the ways you share your time, life, and finances on behalf of the mission of this church family.
Please feel free to financially support us by sharing your gifts in the baskets up front.*

*SINGING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

No. 770 "In Christ Alone"
"...sin's curse has lost its grip..."

We Depart in Joy

*BENEDICTION (based on Mark 1:21-28)

Go forth...
...replenished by the grace and mercy of God,
...blessed by the healing love of Jesus,
...energized by the limitless power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

"We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God."

—The Nicene Creed

"Life is a series of problem-solving opportunities.

The problems you face will either defeat you or develop you depending on how you respond to them."

—Rev. Rick Warren

"There is nothing God cannot do."

—Luke 1:37,

"Leadership is solving problems. The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems to you is the day you have stopped leading them.

They have either lost confidence that you can help or conclude you do not care.

Either case is a failure of leadership."

—General Colin Powell, US Army